

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF
HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL'S
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD APRIL 2009

Present: Councillor J A Schoner (In the Chair)
Councillors R H Carroll, A J Ewart-James, Mrs Z Harris,
S W Hayward, Mrs A Mayne, D Owen and A Smith

Also Present: Councillor M J Lyons and the Town Clerk

Apologies: Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, S W Hayward, A Mayne and R Watson

437/08 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 19TH MARCH 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19th March 2009, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

438/08 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor D Owen declared a prejudicial interest in Min No 447/08 – Arts, Culture & Leisure Fund – Hon Treasurer of the Hythe Fireworks & Bonfire Society.
The Town Clerk declared a prejudicial interest in Min No 447/08 – Arts, Culture & Leisure Fund – attended meetings of the Hythe Fireworks & Bonfire Society.

439/08 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 70

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Owen
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

RESOLVED – That the meeting stand adjourned.

Miss D Rayner addressed the Meeting. *

Please see attachment for public comments which are attached but do not constitute part of the Minutes.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Owen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs A Mayne and

RESOLVED – That the Meeting be reconvened.

440/08 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 31ST MARCH 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

RESOLVED – That the payments for the period to 31st March 2009, covering cheque numbers 011309 - 011335 be authorised, as appended to these Minutes.

441/08 REPORT OF RECEIPTS TO 31ST MARCH 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Owen
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs A Mayne and

RESOLVED - That the Receipts for the period to 31st March 2009 be accepted.

Councillor Mrs Z Harris entered the Chamber.

442/08 INTERNAL AUDITOR'S YEAR END REPORT

This item was not discussed as the Internal Auditor's report had not yet been received.

443/08 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – RESOLVED MIN NO 304/08 REFERS

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RESOLVED – That the transfer of £3,000 from revenue to capital in respect of augmentation to the CCTV Sinking Fund be authorised.

444/08 SEEDA SPORTS PAVILION STEERING GROUP

(i) Minutes of the SEEDA Sports Pavilion Steering Group Meeting of the 18th March 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the SEEDA Sports Pavilion Steering Group Meeting of the 18th March 2009 be received and the decisions taken therein be endorsed.

(ii) Minutes of the SEEDA Sports Pavilion Steering Group Meeting of the 15th April 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs Z Harris
SECONDED BY: Councillor R H Carroll and

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the SEEDA Sports Pavilion Steering Group Meeting of the 15th April 2009 be received and the decisions taken therein be endorsed.

(iii) Minutes of the Design Team Meeting held on the 27th March 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the Design Team Meeting held on the 27th March 2009 be received.

(iv) Design Team Meeting held on the 17th April 2009

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James and

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the Design Team Meeting held on the 17th April 2009 be received.

(v) Professional Team Meeting held on the 22nd April 2009

The Chairman reported that the grass tennis courts and bowling green would remain open, subject to the contractors going on site. He reported that the meeting had been positive with all the professional team in place. Costs were currently 10% over budget, but a final analysis was to be undertaken.

445/08 SPORTS PAVILION SUB-COMMITTEE/SEEDA STEERING GROUP

The Chairman reported on the potential amalgamation of the Sports Pavilion Sub-Committee with the SEEDA Sports Pavilion Steering Group and he advised that having discussed this item with the Mayor, the present status quo would obtain.

446/08 KIOSK LICENCE FOR NEW PAVILION

Members considered the previously circulated draft Licence.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James
SECONDED BY: Councillor D Owen and

RECOMMENDED – That the draft Licence be agreed and be placed out to tender in due course.

Councillor M J Lyons declared a prejudicial interest and left the Chamber for the discussion and vote on the following item:

Councillor D Owen and the Town Clerk left the Chamber for the discussion and vote on the following item:

447/08 ARTS, CULTURE & LEISURE FUND

Members discussed the previously circulated request for funding from the Hythe Fireworks & Bonfire Society.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs Z Harris and

RECOMMENDED – That a grant of £200.00 be made to the Hythe Fireworks & Bonfire Society subject to the usual conditions’ being met and that the grant was not subject to the event’s being held on the seafront.

Councillors D Owen, M J Lyons and the Town Clerk returned to the Chamber.

448/08 THE WHITE HART HOTEL, HYTHE

Members considered the previously circulated letter from Rootes & Alliott in respect of access to the Town Hall via the White Hart Hotel for the dry rot works.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor D Owen and

RECOMMENDED – That the Town Clerk writes to Rootes & Alliott to ascertain exactly what type of “accommodation” was being referred to in the above letter.

449/08 FIREWORKS SOCIETY – RESOLVED MIN NO 404/08 REFERS

Councillor M J Lyons reported on progress. The estimated insurance provisions were to cost £2.5k. Raffles were to be held in all public houses in the Town to raise money for fireworks. The Green was to be considered as an alternative site to Hythe seafront for the placement of the fireworks. Councillor Lyons suggested that any funds raised could be given to the Town Council with the possibility of the event being covered by Hythe Town Council’s insurance provisions.

450/08 QUOTATIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF MAINS WATER

The Chairman reported on quotations received for the supply of mains water to the new football pitch area and for a supply to the Twiss Road allotments as follows:

Company A £1,380.00
 Company B £7,075.49
 (Company C £4,500.00 – this figure was not available at the meeting).

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor A Smith and

RECOMMENDED – That Company A be awarded the contract to supply mains water to the new football pitch area and the Twiss Road allotment site.

451/08 TENDERS FOR THE FORMATION OF FOOTBALL PITCH

This item was to be held in abeyance until the Extra-Ordinary Finance & General Purposes meeting on the 7th May 2009 as a third tender was awaited.

452/08 TENDERS FOR DRY ROT WORKS, HYTHE TOWN HALL

This item was to be held in abeyance until the Extra-Ordinary Finance & General Purposes meeting on the 7th May 2009 as the tender documents had been sent to the Chartered Surveyor’s office and had still to be opened.

453/08 HEADS OF TERMS AGREEMENT

Members discussed the previously circulated Heads of Terms Agreement for the grant contribution of £150,000 from Shepway District Council towards the cost of the new Pavilion and the formulation of the new football pitch.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor A J Ewart-James

SECONDED BY: Councillor R H Carroll and

RESOLVED – That the Heads of Terms Agreement for the grant contribution of £150,000 from Shepway District Council towards the cost of the new Pavilion and the formulation of the new football pitch be agreed.

Meeting closed at 7.49 p.m.

Dated the Day of 2009

.....CHAIRMAN

Miss Rayner

Miss D Rayner spoke on behalf of the Hythe Green Preservation Society and informed the meeting that she would be delighted to see a bonfire being re-introduced as part of the fireworks celebration. She welcomed the addition of 'Bonfire' being added to the Fireworks Society and whilst she acknowledged that a bonfire on the beach, wind and waves permitting was being discussed, the Hythe Green Preservation Society would welcome it being re-located to its traditional site on Hythe Green.